

Certification and Permits Division Staff Report
New Minor Waste Tire Storage Facility Permit for PGM Recycling, Inc
TPID No. 1107176
November 1, 2011

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

This report was developed in response to an application received from the operator of PGM Recycling, Inc., located in the Acampo, San Joaquin County for a Minor Waste Tire Storage Facility Permit. The facility has been operating a trailer deconstruction business at its current location for over 24 years. Used tires are stored in stacks that are arranged by tire size in rows. Tires that have resale value are stored outside in organized stacks and in an enclosed building until transported offsite by the owner, a registered waste tire hauler.

PGM Recycling, Inc., had a previous Minor Waste Tire Storage Facility Permit which expired on June 24, 2011. Staff of the Permits and Certification Division, Permitting and Assistance Branch received the application for a Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit May 25, 2011, which had deficiencies. A letter rejecting the application was sent on June 13, 2011, and staff worked with the operator to ensure a completed revised application package. The operator submitted another application June 24, 2011, which was accepted as complete and correct on June 30, 2011. Pursuant to 14 CCR, §18425, CalRecycle has 180 calendar days from the date the application is accepted as complete and then either issue or deny the issuance of a WTFP. CalRecycle is required to act by December 27, 2011.

Findings

Staff recommends approval of the issuance of the proposed permit. All of the required submittals and findings required by Title 14, §18431 have been met to support concurrence. The findings required to be made by the Department when reaching a determination are summarized in the following table. The documents on which staff's findings are based are permanently maintained in the facility files maintained by the Permits and Certification Division.

The following table summarizes the staff's findings relative to the permit application:

	Findings	
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Staff of the Permitting and Assistance Branch found that the issuance of the Minor Waste Tire Storage Facility Permit is exempt from the requirements of CEQA (see below for details)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Compliance with Tire Storage Standards, 14 CCR, Sections 17350-17356	CalRecycle Tire Enforcement staff conducted a Pre-Permit Inspection on July 13, 2011. See additional compliance information below.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Application Forms (500-504) - 14 CCR, Sections 18431(a) (b) (c) (d)	All application forms were accepted by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff as complete on June 30, 2011.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable

Local Requirements 14 CCR, Section 18431(h)	<p><i>Local Vector Control:</i> The San Joaquin Mosquito and Vector Control District's acceptance of vector control practices was signed by the operator and inspected by Keith Nienhuis, District Supervisor, on May 23, 2011.</p> <p><i>Local Fire Authority:</i> On April 13, 2011, the Woodbridge Rural Fire Protection District (WRFPD) issued all required Fire Permits to PGM Recycling, Inc in Acampo.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Reviewed by: CalRecycle Legal Office	October 20 , 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch	October 4, 2011	

Compliance History:

On July 13, 2011, staff from the Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch's Waste Tire Compliance Unit and inspectors from the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department (Tire Inspection Grantee) performed an inspection of the facility. No violations or areas of concern were noted. Since the site is permitted to store waste tires indoors and outdoors, the operator stated that he would properly stack the tires in order to comply with storage requirements.

This facility has been in operation prior to January 1, 1991 and has undergone no substantial changes in design or operation. Therefore, staff has determined that this facility is exempt and does not require additional CEQA analysis, pursuant to PRC 42812.

Local Issues

Staff has not identified any local issues related to this item. No environmental justice issues were identified by the surrounding community. According to the year 2000 Census data, the tabulation for this zip code in San Joaquin County has a total population of 6,310 people. 84.6% of the people are white, 0.6 % are black, 0.8% are American Indian, 3% are Asian, 0.2% are Native Hawaiian, 2.8% two or more races and 8% some other race. 19.1% of the population is identified as Hispanic or Latino. The median household income of the area is \$48,830 and 8.8% live below the poverty level. Therefore, staff finds the project and permit process to be consistent with Government Code § 65040.12, as there has been fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the proposed action being recommended in this item.

Public Comments

No public comments have been received by Department staff. The Department has provided an opportunity for public comment during the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Monthly Public Meeting on October 18, 2011.

Attachment: Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit